GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services - PR & RD Department - Certain irregularities in procurement of Steel in P.R. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer (PR), Peddapally, Karimnagar District (now retired) - Enquiry completed - Imposition of a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years besides recovery of Rs.1,16,500/- towards loss caused to Govt., - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I (A) DEPARTMENT G.O.Rt.No. 1402

DATED:12 -09-2008.

Read the following:

- 1. G.O.Rt.No.428, P.R & R.D (Estt.I) Department, Dated 10.4.1997.
- 2. From Sri T. Yadagiri, E.E, PR. Peddapally, Karimnagar District, written statement of defence dt: 16.5.1997.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.64, PR&RD (VS.I) Department, dated 13.1.2004.
- 4. From Sri B.P. Venkateswaru, Member, C.O.I Letter NO. 43/COI.M.BPV/2003, dated 28.4.2004.
- 5. Govt. Memo No.129/Vig. IA/2001-22, Dt: 9.2.2005.
- 6. From Sri T. Yadagiri, E.E, PR. Peddapally, Karimnagar District, written statement of defence dt: 29-3-2005.
- 7. Govt. Memo No.129/Vig. IA/2001-31, Dt: 23-9-2006.
- 8. From Sri T. Yadagiri, E.E, PR. Peddapally, Karimnagar District, written statement of defence dt: 7-7-2007.
- 9. Govt. Lr. No.129/Vig. IA/2001-35, , Dt: 22-8-2007.
- 10. From the APPSC Lr.No.1172/RT-I/2/2007, dt.20-10-2007.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the following charge was framed against Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR, while functioning as Executive Engineer, PR, Peddapally, Karimnagar District for committing certain irregularities in procurement of steel in PR.Divison, Peddapally, Karimnagar District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

That the said Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR, while functioning as EE, PR, Peddapally, Karimnagar District has procured Steel of 50 M.Ts locally based on obtaining three quotations on higher rate than the rate approved by S.E PR, Karimnagar on Tender basis. As a result, an amount of Rs.1,16,500/-was paid in excess and loss caused to Government.

- 2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR, has submitted his written statement of defence and after examining the same, in the reference 3rd read above, Sri B.P. Venkateswarlu, Member, C.O.I has been appointed as Enquiry Officer for conducting regular inquiry.
- 3. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report against Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR, concluding his report that the Charged Officer has procured steel of 50 M.Ts locally based on the three quotations on higher rate than the rate approved by the SE on tender basis and that the amount of Rs.1,16,500/- paid in excess and loss caused to Govt., is not proved. Govt., after examination of the enquiry report have decided to deviate from the findings of the E.O and accordingly, while furnishing a copy of the enquiry report along with deviating factors on the findings of the E.O, directed Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive

Engineer, PR, to submit his explanation through the 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR, has submitted his explanation.

- 4. Government after examining the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.1,16,500/- towards loss caused to Govt., from the terminal benefits and accordingly in the reference 7th read above, issued a show cause notice under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, to Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District (retired) directing to submit his representation against the above decision.
- 5. In the reference 8th read above, Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District (retired) has submitted his representation. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been consulted on the proposed punishment duly furnishing records.
- 6. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in the reference 10th red above, has observed that ``in view of the E.Os report, the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years is agreed but not the recovery``.
- Government have examined the matter and observe, that in this case, the charge framed against Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District (retired) is that he has procured Steel of 50 M.Ts locally based on three quotations obtained on higher rate than the rate approved by S.E PR, Karimnagar on Tender basis resulting Rs.1,16,500/- loss to Government. He has not followed the prescribed procedure under the rules to call for open tenders where the cost of materials proposed to purchase exceeds Rs.10,000/- or more and hence the procedure followed by him in this case is not proper and correct and he did not seek the orders of Superintendent Engineer, PR who earlier approved the rate of Rs.12,500/- for MT for purchase of Steel at higher rate of Rs.14,800/- per MT and on his own accord without intimating the Superintendent Engineer, PR purchased the steel at higher rate and even he failed to obtain the steel from the said firm. Keeping in view the above position Government have decided to disagree with the advice of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission and hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.1,16,500/- from the terminal benefits of Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District (retired) under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.
- 7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

Sri T. Yadagiri, Executive Engineer, PR. Division, Peddapally, Karimnagar District (retired) through ENC PR Hyderabad..

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Karimnagar.

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Section Officer.